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Sen. Alan Cranston, D-Calif. appeared Sunday before 90 former delegates pledged to Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., in the first New Jersey visit of a 1984 presidential candidate.

Cranston spoke to what is called the Kennedy Caucus, led by Essex County executive Peter Shapiro, reiterating his positions on foreign and national issues.

He voiced his support for a nuclear freeze and said he felt many of the nation's ills could be cured through a constructive dialogue with the Soviet Union.

He touched on New Jersey's Democratic Sen. William Bradley's "fair tax" proposal, saying he felt too few exemptions could hurt the housing industry. He also voiced skepticism of methods used in the Abscam investigation, which netted several New Jersey politicians, including Sen. Harrison Williams. He said he would like to see guidelines for the FBI and CIA.

The Kennedy Caucus also expects to hear from Walter Mondale, Sen. John Glenn, D-Ohio, and Sen. Gary Hart, D-Colo. in the next few weeks.